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SUBJECT: U.S. CANDIDACY FOR INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL
COMMITTEE (IAJC)

1. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PRESENTING AS A CANDIDATE FOR
ELECTION TO THE IAJC PROFESSOR SEYMOUR J. RUBIN. THE
ELECTION, TO FILL THE POSITION NOW OCCUPIED BY PROFESSOR
WILLIAM BARNES, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
IN ATLANTA BEGINNING APRIL 19. IT WILL BE FOR A FULL
FOUR-YEAR TERM.

2. THREE OF THE ELEVEN POSITIONS ON THE IAJC WILL FALL
VACANT THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION TO RUBIN, THE BRAZILIAN AND
MEXICAN INCUMBENTS, JOSE EDUARDO DO PRADO KELLY AND
ANTONIO GOMEZ ROBLEDO RESPECTIVELY, ARE CANDIDATES FOR
RE-ELECTION. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES, AS WELL.
THE THREE CANDIDATES WITH MOST VOTES WILL BE ELECTED.

3. PROFESSOR RUBIN IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
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MICHIGAN AND THE HARVARD LAW SCHOOL. HE IS NOW PROFESSOR

AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW AND A PRACTICING LAWYER. AMONG THE POSITIONS HE HAS HELD IN THE PAST: ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, DEPT OF STATE; GENERAL COUNSEL OF AID; LEGAL ADVISER TO A WIDE VARIETY OF U.S. DELEGATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES INVOLVING

GATT, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND TRADE LAW. HE HAS BROAD EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. WE BELIEVE HE IS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: UNLESS THERE ARE STRONG REASONS FOR NOT DOING SO, REQUEST ALL ADDRESSEES TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND URGE SUPPORT FOR AMERICAN CANDIDATE. PLEASE REPORT BY CABLE RESULTS OF APPROACHES. USOAS WILL BE MAKING SIMILAR APPEALS IN WASHINGTON.

5. FOR BRASILIA AND MEXICO: YOU MAY PROMISE SUPPORT FOR HOST COUNTRY CANDIDATES IN RETURN FOR SUPPORT FOR RUBIN. KISSINGER

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